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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

State Legislature. Length of Session. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

STATE LEGISLATURE. LENGTH OF SESSION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Provides that State Legislature shall convene regular session on first Monday in December of even-numbered years solely to organize;
- Shall reconvene on first business days of January each year;
- Shall not meet in regular session after June 30 of each year; and
- Shall not meet for total of more than 90 days during any two-year session.
- Legislature may reconvene for additional 15 days to reconsider vetoed bills.
- Prohibits committee meetings and hearing except when Legislature meets.
- Limits reimbursement of members for travel and living expenses to actual days attending session.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates that this measure would have the following major fiscal effect: Unknown impact on legislative expenses, with potential savings of millions of dollars for each two-year session. Actual fiscal impact would depend on future actions of the Legislature and the Governor.

The proponent, Edward J. "Ted" Costa, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, which is eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 7, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-482-6175.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.